

No place now

for

'Hutch'

AFTER a four year stay at Loakes Park, it appears that Johnny Hutchinson has left Wycombe Wanderers. But the club are not sure whether they will see the player again this season, for they have not received any resignation.

Nothing has been seen of Hutchinson at Wycombe since the Clapton game on March 3.

Hutchinson was originally given permission to attend a wedding on that day as there was no game fixed for March 3. However when a match was arranged, Hutchinson was asked to come along.

This he duly did, but was not selected to play and was then given permission to attend the wedding. Mr. Lee pointed out this week, that it was essential for Hutchinson to attend the game as three players were on international duty the night before in Scotland and there were doubts whether they would make the kick off in time.

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The club tried to contact Hutchinson when he failed to appear for the Queens Park Rangers game on the Monday, but to no avail.

Brian Lee told the Free Press this week that Hutchinson was shortly going to Spain, and he would therefore have had to replace him anyway. He added that he would not have the player back in the squad now as it would be unfair to the rest of the team.

He felt Hutchinson had real ability and could well have been a professional. "If his attitude was right he was one of the best," he said. "But his attitude was always unpredictable."

In the 70/71 season Hutchinson played 62 games for the Blues scoring 28 goals. The following year he made 64 appearances with nine goals and he hit the target eight times in his 43 matches this term.

Better news however came from Wycombe this week when it was announced that Keith Searle, their leading striker over the last three years who left for Hendon in December, has decided to return to Loakes Park.

Searle, centre forward, had a remarkable record in two seasons with Wanderers, scoring 90 goals in 143 games. At the start of this term he was in brilliant form, although his goalscoring was not quite up to the standard of the rest of his game, scoring 14 in 32 outings.

With a chance of an Amateur Cup medal at Hendon, he left in December but having been approached by Southern Leaguers Barnet recently, decided to come back to Wycombe.

Brian Lee welcomed the move. "We can't expect too much from Keith," he said, "but he will be valuable in terms of trying to lift the team. A new face is always good, especially one that is respected in terms of football."